

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

SOLOTHAL THOMAS

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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: CIVIL NO. CCB-16-2494  
: Criminal No. CCB-04-0232  
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**ORDER**

It appears that Solothal Thomas placed his motion for authorization to file a second or successive petition in the prison mailing system on June 24, 2016, before one year had passed since the Supreme Court's decision in *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015). The Fourth Circuit authorized the filing.

Accordingly, the government's motion to dismiss the petition as untimely (ECF No. 329) is **Denied**. The government is directed to respond to the merits of the *Johnson* claim within 60 days. Thomas may reply within 30 days thereafter.

**SO ORDERED** this 20th day of October, 2016.

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Catherine C. Blake  
United States District Judge